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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC. FOR A  
RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. G-02527A-09-0088

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**  
**(corrects form of notice)**

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Procedural Order dated May 11, 2009, this matter was set for hearing and the form of public notice for the hearing was established. Several of the rates listed in the form of public notice required revision.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the form of Public Notice set forth in the May 11, 2009, Procedural Order should be modified as follows:

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE**  
**RATE APPLICATION OF**  
**GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC.**  
**FOR GAS UTILITY SERVICE**  
**DOCKET NO. G-02527A-09-0088**

On February 26, 2009, Graham County Utilities, Inc. ("GCU" or "Cooperative") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission for an increase in annual revenues for its gas utility service of \$516,733, an approximate 13.72 percent increase in annual gas revenues over its current revenues. The Cooperative proposes increasing the residential customer service availability charge from \$10.50 to \$15.00 per month and the per therm charge from \$0.82500 to \$1.13912. Under the rates proposed by the Cooperative a residential customer using 36 therms would see an increase in their monthly bill of \$9.42, or 20.22 percent, from \$46.59 to \$56.01. **Residential customers who use more or less than 36 therms per month will see a lower or higher percentage increase due to the greater proposed percentage increase in the monthly customer service availability charge versus the per therm charge.** The Cooperative proposed increasing the commercial service availability charge from \$18.00 to \$23.50 and the per therm charge for commercial customers from \$0.83100 to \$1.08660, and proposed to increase the irrigation service availability charge from \$17.00 to \$22.50 and the per therm charge for irrigation customers from \$0.69000 to

1 \$0.88749. Under the Cooperative's proposal, the monthly bill of a commercial  
2 customer using 289 therms would increase by \$28.05, or 9.06 percent, from \$309.48 to  
3 \$337.53, and the monthly bill of an irrigation customer using 59 therms would  
4 increase by \$6.67, or 9.78 percent, from \$68.19 to \$74.86.

5 If you have any questions concerning how the Cooperative's rate proposal will affect  
6 your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact  
7 the Cooperative at: **[COMPANY SHOULD INSERT NAME, ADDRESS,  
8 TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CUSTOMER  
9 CONTACTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION].**

10 The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation  
11 regarding the Cooperative's rate increase proposal, and the Commission will  
12 determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in  
13 this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the  
14 Cooperative, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final rates approved in this  
15 docket may be lower or higher than the rates described above.

#### 16 **How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal**

17 Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at the Cooperative's  
18 offices **[INSERT ADDRESS]** and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at  
19 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress,  
20 Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona and on the internet via the Commission website  
21 ([www.azcc.gov/](http://www.azcc.gov/)) using the e-docket function.

#### 22 **Public Hearing Information**

23 The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **January 5, 2010, at  
24 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson,  
25 Arizona.

26 Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the first day of the hearing. Written  
27 public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. G-  
28 02527A-09-0088 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section,  
1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and  
instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to  
[http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public\\_comment.pdf](http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public_comment.pdf). If you require  
assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or  
(520) 628-6550.

#### 29 **About Intervention**

30 The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate  
31 circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law  
32 to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted  
33 to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a  
34 written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than **September 30, 2009**,  
35 and a copy of the motion to GCU or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your  
36 motion must contain the following:

- 37 1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and  
38 telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to  
be made, if not yourself.

2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a member of the Cooperative, etc.).
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Cooperative or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before September 30, 2009. If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/iinterven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

#### **ADA/Equal Access Information**

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Shayllin Bernal, E-mail [SBernal@azcc.gov](mailto:SBernal@azcc.gov), voice phone number 602/542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other provisions of the May 11, 2009 Procedural Order shall remain in effect and unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

  
JANE L. RODDA  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Copies of the foregoing mailed  
this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2009 to:


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